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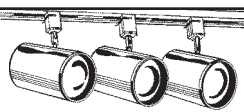


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## Florida Neighborhoods Conference 2000



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Neighborhoods Conference in Fort Lauderdale from October 5 - 7.

"This conference is an exciting educational opportunity to meet with other neighborhood leaders from around the state to gain ideas, tools and tips to build and maintain a successful community," said **Leslie Carhart**, City of Fort Lauderdale conference co-chair.

Co-hosted by the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County, organizers have assembled an itinerary that coincides with this year's theme: "Neighborhoods - the Heart and Souls Of Our Cities." Participants will choose from a variety of topics led by experts and community leaders. Dozens of workshops and activities will be devoted to such topics as organizing and operating neighborhood associations, leadership development and training, outreach and communications techniques, funding and resources, neighborhood improvement strategies, and more.

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*Broward County  
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*South Bay Mayor  
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# City Recognized For Commitments To Environment, Community Needs

As the largest municipality in Broward County, the City of Fort Lauderdale is committed to maintaining the rank of one of the “Best Big Places to Live in America.” As a model city in Broward County, the City of Fort Lauderdale continues to set and maintain the highest standards for providing a responsive government and quality levels of services to citizens. This summer, two organizations recognized our commitments with designations on a state and national level.

The City of Fort Lauderdale has been recognized by the Governor’s Commission for a Sustainable South Florida with a Sustainable Florida Award for Leadership. One of only 14 leadership awards designated throughout the state for 2000, the achievement recognizes the City’s efforts to develop innovative approaches to maintaining high economic and environmental standards that promote a strong future. Several factors went into earning this recognition including examples of management systems, technical and scientific innovations, citizen part-

nerships and decision-making processes. Among programs highlighted for recognition were Clean City efforts, public education programs on water conservation, community policing efforts, capital improvement programs, community development programs, protection of parks and green spaces and the City’s commitment to diversity.

The Clean Beaches Council recently designated Fort Lauderdale beaches as one of five Blue Wave Beaches, a distinction that places our beach among the nation's cleanest, safest and most user-friendly beaches. Blue Wave Beaches, launched by the Washington-based Clean Beaches Council, is the first national environmental beach certification in America. Through this voluntary program, the Clean Beaches Council certifies rural and resort beaches that meet strict criteria for water quality, cleanliness, public safety and environmental management. The certification program aims to promote beaches that are managed to protect their natural assets as well as to help the public identify the nation’s cleanest and safest beaches when plan-

## A Message From Mayor Jim Naugle



ning vacations. The qualification process is repeated each year thus submitting beaches to review every year.

All beaches awarded the Blue Wave Beach certification receive Blue Wave flags and informational signs for posting on the beach. You can view one of the signs already posted along the newly unveiled Earl Lifshey Ocean Park at Oakland Park Boulevard and A-1-A.



Citizens Police Academy students get a first hand look at a day in the life of a City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department motorcycle officer.

## Citizens Police Academy Commences Next Session Beginning August 24

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department will offer the next installment of the Citizens Police Academy from August 24 - November 16.

This 13-week class, held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30, offers residents and members of local civic and government organizations with a look at the mission, resources, practices, and services of their police department.

Topics addressed in the Academy include: community policing, special investigations, range and firearms, a tour of the detention facility, communications, procedures for officer selection and recruiting, tactics for drug enforcement and more

Interested individuals must be at least 18 years of age and complete an application. Applications can be obtained from the City of Fort Lauderdale website at <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/police/cpa.html> or by calling the the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Community Policing Demonstration Center at 759-6432.

## Local Firms To Work On Wingate Cleanup

Local contractors will have a role in the cleanup of the Wingate Road Landfill and Incinerator site, as will recent graduates of the Brownfields Training Program.

At a recent Community Advisory Council meeting at Berean Church of God, 1441 NW 29th Ave., members of the environmental contractor team met with residents to discuss how they will install the Environmental Protection Agency's remedy for Wingate over a 10-month period beginning in August.

Gary Wilson of IT Group said 26 percent of the work was contracted out to Wingate-area subcontractors, "and we believe that number will grow." Wilson added that many recent graduates of the Brownfields Training Program had accepted job offers to work on the project.

Berlin Ellerson, president of B&M Lawn Service and Landscaping, Inc., in Fort Lauderdale, told the CAC meeting that her company will supply topsoil, foundation material, sod, screening and fencing for the site.



Local contractors Berlin Ellerson, left, and Ozzie Davenport will participate in the Wingate Cleanup

Ozzie Davenport, owner of Crime Prevention Security in Fort Lauderdale, will handle security with four-person crews working six-hour shifts, 24 hours a day -- which means jobs for six to eight people. Davenport's company also will ensure trucks leaving the site are properly decontaminated.

Roger Simon, an environmental geologist with Barnes Ferland and Associates, will be a familiar

face to nearby residents during the cleanup. Mr. Simon will be the on-site technical inspector and at the site daily.

Wilson assured community residents that dust and noise control, along with keeping truck traffic off residential streets, will be high priorities during the cleanup, scheduled to start in August with site cleanup.

Decontamination and demolition of the old incinerator and other buildings is scheduled from September to December 2000, followed by excavation and installation of the multi-layered capping system from January to May 2001.

### Special Election Set

The City of Fort Lauderdale will conduct a special election for the District III office of the City Commission in December, due to the resignation of Commissioner Carlton Moore, who has decided to run for Broward County Commission. Individuals interested in running for office have **from October 25, 2000, beginning at noon, until noon on November 8, 2000** to submit documentation to qualify for the District III seat. As the official representative of the City with the Supervisor of Elections, the City Clerk’s office secures qualifying documents and campaign financing reports for candidates. The official Primary Election will be held on **December 5, 2000**, followed by a general election run-off on **December 19, 2000**. If a candidate wins the Primary Election by receiving 50% +1 vote, then the candidate will be sworn in on December 12, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. If a candidate wins a the general election, then the individual will be sworn in on December 20, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. For additional information, contact the City Clerk’s office at (954) 761-5002.

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# FY 2000-2001 Budget Proposes Enhancements For City Resources, Services

Fiscal year 1999-2000 set the course for a strategic process that included a realignment of resources. This realignment provides citizens, the City Commission, external agencies and visitors with a more efficient, effective and accountable approach to providing responsive, quality customer service. Through this realignment, key citizen priorities were achieved. For example, quality of life needs continue to be met as parks bond projects were completed, emergency medical services were expanded, aggressive community policing and public safety initiatives were implemented, and environmental efforts were continued. As a result, last year served to raise the standards for how city services are provided and how citizens and City Commission priorities are addressed.

The proposed FY 2000-2001 budget, presented in late July, has been carefully formulated to reflect this forward thinking approach. The budget package, totaling \$334.5 million devotes more resources to providing the city service needs in the areas including public safety, neighborhood planning, code enforcement, technology,

parks and recreation and public services. Consideration has been given to providing resources for programs as large as neighborhood planning and public safety measures as well as activities as unknown but critical as record maintenance. Together, these programs are what make up the City budget.

In keeping with Commission and citizen priorities, the following are a few highlights addressed in the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year:

\* The proposed budget calls for a \$1.1 million increase to establish a solid foundation for the operation and maintenance costs for existing park facilities that have traditionally been under budgeted.

\* Critical to meeting customer service needs in today's e-commerce world requires adapting technological enhancements to city services. Budget resources are dedicated to implementing web-based software that takes advantage of the internet for service delivery and communication in the areas of construction services, inspections, on-line requests and city service payments.

## A Message From City Manager Floyd T. Johnson



\* Public safety priorities are addressed to further enhance community policing initiatives, operations and manpower.

\* Code enforcement continues to be a priority among neighborhoods and is addressed with resources allocated as well.

The proposed budget for FY 2000-2001 can be viewed on the City's website by logging on to <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/documents/index.htm>. Copies of the document can also be obtained from any Broward County Library branch by calling the City of Fort Lauderdale Research and Budget Office at 761-5425.

# CAP Central Area Takes First Steps In Selecting Community Goals

The City of Fort Lauderdale recently concluded a series of Community Area Planning (CAP) Workshops focusing on the Central Area, a portion of the City bounded by the Middle River (north); Broward Blvd. (south); U.S. 1 (east); and the City's corporate limits (west). The CAP is an initiative that gives the public an opportunity to work with City staff to develop goals to help improve the community.

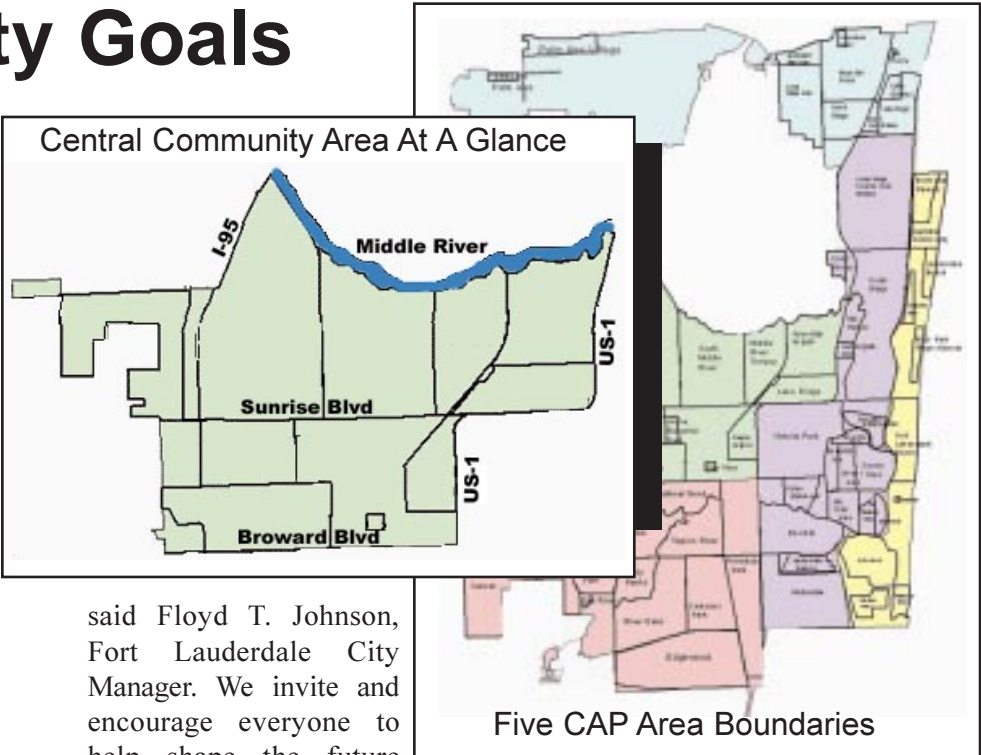
More than 160 citizens attended the CAP Workshops to discuss issues affecting the Central Area and develop goals for the future of the community. Among the recurring themes identified were:

- Improving Public Safety/Police Presence
- Enhancing Code Enforcement
- Encouraging Traffic Calming Techniques
- Encouraging Development/Redevelopment
- Improving Information Dissemination
- Promoting Pedestrian Friendly Communities

The next step in the CAP process will focus on selecting specific goals. On Wednesday, August 16, the CAP's Community Forum II will take place from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Mills Pond Park Pavilion, located at 2201 N.W. 9th Avenue. The forum will give the public an opportunity to examine all of the goals and objectives developed at the workshops and vote on those they feel are most important for the City to address at this time.

Residents, property owners, businesses, employees and other individuals with an interest in the City's Central Area are welcome and encouraged to attend Community Forum II. The meeting will be structured as an open house, meaning that individuals may come and go at their convenience from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. City staff members will be on-hand throughout the evening to provide information, answer questions and discuss the CAP project in more detail.

"The CAP process provides citizens with a unique opportunity to take an active role in developing goals and initiatives to enhance the community,"



said Floyd T. Johnson, Fort Lauderdale City Manager. We invite and encourage everyone to help shape the future

direction of our City by participating in the upcoming Community Forum."

Following Community Forum II, the CAP's Community Leadership Committee and City staff will develop implementation strategies, cost estimates and benchmarking procedures for each selected goal. On October 18, the public will be invited back to participate in Community Forum III, where they will have an opportunity to prioritize these goals based upon feasibility. The end result will be a final list of community generated goals, along with implementation strategies and cost estimates that will be incorporated into a policy document and presented to the City Commission for approval as a resolution in February 2001.

For additional information about Community Forum II or the CAP process, contact the City of Fort Lauderdale Office of Community and Comprehensive Planning at (954) 762-8964, the City of Fort Lauderdale Public Information Office at (954) 468-1538, or visit City's web site at: <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/cap/>.

## Calendar Alert!

Due to the observance of Labor Day on September 4, 2000, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission will not meet on the 1st Tuesday. Instead, the first conference and regular commission meetings of the month will be held on Wednesday, September 6 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively. The second conference and regular commission meetings will resume on the third Tuesday, September 19, at the regularly scheduled times of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively.

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# Parks Bond Construction Projects Continue To Emerge

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Celebrations at two parks and a renovated center marked the grand opening of three major facilities, while construction continues on several other City of Fort Lauderdale Parks Bond program.

A grand opening celebration marked the much anticipated unveiling for the **Earl Lifshey Ocean Park** on June 30. The park, which is named in honor of Fort Lauderdale's 1996 Citizen of the Year recipient, is located along the eastern end of A1A at Oakland Park Boulevard and features a 1.3-acre ocean side park just south of the Galt Mile.

A paved circular driveway that serves as a vehicle-friendly drop off area for visitors, leads to a beautifully landscaped walkway that takes beachgoers to the ocean. The paved nature walkway is lined with native plants, bicycle racks and benches. The park also serves as an outdoor environmental classroom - with educational signage about the native trees and plants that are a part of the landscape, beach pollution prevention and information about the ocean.

At **Bass Park**, construction doubled the size of the **Andrew DeGraffenreidt Center** as well as resurfaced the pool deck. The center, named after esteemed civic leader and former commissioner Andrew DeGraffenreidt, is used by all age groups for a variety of activities including afterschool programs, summer camps, homeowners association meetings and weddings. With the additional square footage, the community will now have room for karate, dance and cooking classes.

In March 1999, renovations started with the demolition of the old gas station/convenience store to the west of the DeGraffenreidt Center. This area is for parking and greenspace, which made way for the enhancements which included a new commercial kitchen, an assembly room, increased storage areas and remodeled restrooms in the 1200-square foot center. Other Parks Bond improvements to Bass Park included transforming the old pool house into storage, a resurfaced pool deck, adding 28 new trees along the perimeter of the park, a new rubberized surface on the playground, and a painting throughout the park.

**Middle River Terrace** has a brand new 4-acre park. Residents of all ages have plenty to do with a variety of amenities including a covered pavilion, picnic tables, a storage room, sturdy fitness and exercise equipment, a walking/jogging trail, and acres of greenspace landscaped with plenty of trees planted by the neighborhood association to provide shade.

In other developments, **Mills Pond Park** now has new batting cages and a concession stand on the northeast end of the Park.

**Holiday Park Phase II** construction is nearing completion with a state-of-the art baseball/softball complex where batters of all ages can play. Final touches to the new press box, concession stand and new entryway into the park at N.E. 10th Avenue are being made.

Groundbreaking construction for **Civic People's Park** is underway. This park, slated as a passive park, is located at Riverland Road and SR 441. Plans call for a pavilion, plenty of greenspace and more.

The **Beach Community Center**, which is currently being built at N.E. 33rd Street in the Galt Mile area, will provide a 12,500 square foot building earmarked for recreational programs for all ages.

Expect to see movement for a new pool, community center and water playground at **Croissant Park**, as well as a new pool and water playground at **Lauderdale Manors Park** in the near future.

Construction on the renovations at **Joseph C. Carter Park** are also scheduled to begin soon.

For information on other projects, call **761-5346**.

*Mr. Andrew DeGraffenreidt unveiled a renovated Andrew DeGraffenreidt Center by cutting the ceremonial ribbon as children cooled off in the pool. The pool deck was also resurfaced as part of the renovations at Bass Park.*



*The 4-acre Middle River Terrace Park is complete featuring a walking/jogging trail, exercise equipment and hard surface pathways.*



*Construction at the Beach Community Center continues to make headway.*



*Holiday Park Construction of Phase II is nearing completion with a new state-of-the-art baseball complex and entrance.*



*Mills Pond Park visitors can perfect their swing at the new batting cages, or enjoy a cool drink from the new concession stand.*





## Citizens' Crime Alert Offer Signs, Tools, Safety Tips

Citizens' Crime Alert Inc. and the City of Fort Lauderdale continue to develop opportunities and programs to promote a crime free community.

**Crime Watch Signs Available:** Crime Watch signs are a helpful tool that complement an active neighborhood crime watch program. The Citizens' Crime Alert, Inc. has signs available for neighborhoods who wish to display them. Crime Watch signs, which must be installed by the City of Fort Lauderdale for safe and secure placement, can only be placed at entrances to neighborhoods and area parks. Quantities are limited. To order Crime Watch signs, contact Citizen's Crime Alert Inc. at (954) 761-5377.

In addition, Citizens' Crime Alert Inc. of Fort Lauderdale meets on the first Monday of each month on the 8th floor of City hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave., at 7 p.m. The following topics are scheduled for upcoming meetings:

Sept. 4: *Economic Crimes - Identification Fraud*  
Oct. 2: *John Apell and his canine drug enforcement partner.*

Nov. 6: *City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department Sgt. Richard Herbert-Physical-Elder and Child Abuse*

For additional information, contact Citizens Crime Alert of Fort Lauderdale, Inc., P.O. Box 4712, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33338-4712 or call 761-5377.



*Local Youth Explorers participate in a fire suppression exercise.*

## Youth Explorer Post Moves Meeting Venue

The Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Explorer Post 713 has moved its meeting place to Station 13, located at 2871 E. Sunrise Blvd, just west of Birch State Park.

Explorer Post 713 is a group of youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who have an interest in the Fire-Rescue profession. The Post provides the young men and women with the opportunity to take part in the same training and experiences as professional firefighters.

Explorers meet on a weekly basis, every Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Station 13. Meetings include training activities, planning of community events. For example, after Hurricane Andrew, Explorers assisted with food and clothing drives. The meetings also include instruction and training sessions in areas such as fire suppression, equipment and apparatus. Explorers also participate in a first responder course, which teaches basic life support, including C.P.R. Explorers also participate at large scale special events and scenes where extra staffing and resources are needed.

For additional information on the Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Explorer Post 713, contact **Jorge Mederos**, Community Education Coordinator, at 627-6503 or **Lt. Raymond Cicero** at 761-5876.

## Springboard To Sydney



From left, Tim O'Brien, coach of the Fort Lauderdale Dive Team, will serve as a coach for the USA Olympic Dive Team in Sydney this fall. His father, Dr. Ron O'Brien, will serve as team advisor.

Below, Michelle Davison of the Fort Lauderdale Dive Team will compete for the USA at the 2000 Olympic Games on the 3-meter springboard.

## Fort Lauderdale Divers To Represent USA At Sydney Summer Olympic Games

You don't have to dive far to find ties to the Olympics in the City of Fort Lauderdale. At the Hall of Fame and Aquatics Complex, Olympic hopefuls are as common as water.

**Michelle Davison**, a Fort Lauderdale Dive Team member whose diving career spans an exhaustive list of international team memberships including the 1995 World Junior Championships, the FINA World Aquatic Championships, the FINA Diving World Cup and the FISU World University Games, has represented the United States on every level except one. Now, after qualifying for the 2000 Olympic Games on the 3-meter springboard, Davison's collection is finally complete.

Davison, who placed second in the Olympic trials in June, trains five days a week with Tim O'Brien, son of eight-time U.S. Olympic coach **Dr. Ron O'Brien**. She is a nine-time U.S. junior champion. Davison is one of three Olympic divers with ties to Fort Lauderdale.

Jenny Keim, an alumna of the Fort Lauderdale Dive Team who currently dives for the University of Miami, will make her second trip to the Olympic Games after winning the women's 3-meter springboard in the Olympic Trials. She was a 1996 Olympian in Atlanta and placed ninth on the 3-meter springboard.

**David Pichler**, a Fort Lauderdale resident and former Fort Lauderdale Dive Team member, will be the senior diver on the U.S. team by almost 10 years. In 1996, Pichler qualified for the Olympics, but missed the medal stand when he placed sixth on platform. Now, 18 years after he started diving, he is still one of the United States' best hopes for an Olympic medal. He currently dives for the Plantation Dive Team.

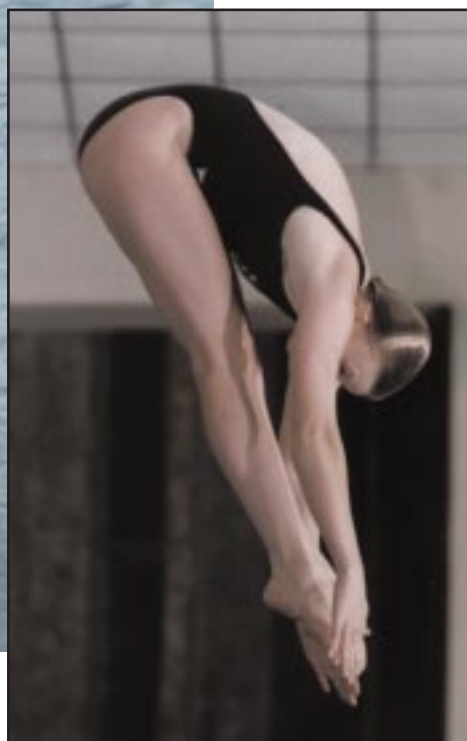
In order to qualify for the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team, divers must finish first or second in the Olympic Trials in the 3-meter springboard or the 10-meter platform.

**Tim O'Brien**, coach of the Fort Lauderdale Dive Team, will serve as a coach for the USA Olympic Dive Team and his father, Ron, will be the team advisor.

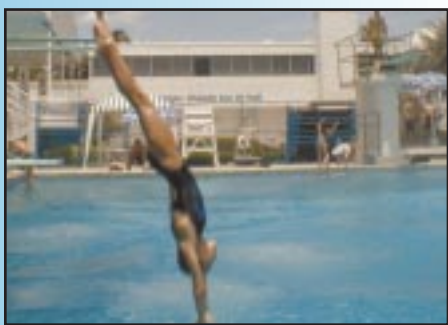
Ron was a diver at Ohio State University and Tim was a diver at the University of Miami.

The aquatic events for the 2000 Olympic Games will take place September 22-30 in Sydney, Australia. For up to the minute results to these Olympic events, log on to the City of Fort Lauderdale International Swimming Hall of Fame Aquatic Complex website at

<http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/hofac/index.htm> For more information about the Olympic Dive Team, contact **Laura Hatfield** at the Hall of Fame Aquatic Complex at (954) 468-1580.







### Get In The Swim Of Things

The International Swimming Hall of Fame Aquatic Complex offers something for every spectator and athlete. Whether it's lap swimming, learn to swim classes or watching some of the most exciting tournaments, the ISHOF has it all. For Swimming, the pool is open to the public Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The complex is located at 501 Seabreeze Blvd., one block south of Las Olas Boulevard on Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard. For information, call 468-1580.

### Beat the Office Blues

The Riverwalk Alliance will host the second annual Get Downtown fundraiser on October 13 at Las Olas Riverfront, from 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. For a \$10 donation, event goers can enjoy three beverages and be entertained by local blues musicians Iko Iko and The Weld. Prizes will also be awarded. Encouraging employees to spend time downtown after work before going home, the event seeks to celebrate downtown business and the employees who have contributed to its success. For additional information, or sponsorship opportunities, contact Patsy Mennuti at (954) 468-1541.

### Jazzin It Up At The River

The SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch continues to heat up Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Showcasing South Florida's finest jazz entertainers on five stages, the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch extends from Las Olas Riverfront to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on the first Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information on upcoming acts, call the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch Hotline at (954) 761-5985.



*E.J. & Company is one of the featured performers on October 1.*

## Neighborhoods Conference Tracks Topics To Sink Teeth Into

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"My experiences with past neighborhood conferences have always been positive due to the incredible camaraderie that is initiated by the participants, organizers and speakers," said City of Fort Lauderdale District IV Commissioner **Cindi Hutchinson**. Hutchinson is a conference committee member assisting in the organizing of the October event. "Bottom line, you come away with the realization that we are all reaching for a better quality of life in our neighborhoods."

Below is a brief look at some of the workshop tracks and topics scheduled:

#### Organizing and Operating Neighborhood Associations

\* **To Incorporate or not to Incorporate, and What's a 501 C-3 Anyway?** Learn the do's and don'ts of incorporating as a "nonprofit" entity or a "not for profit" corporation. What are the liability issues and consequences of not incorporating?

\* **Representing and Being a Role Model For Your Neighborhood:** Learn tips to effectively represent your association and effectively communicate issues with government leaders.

\* **Civic Association Housekeeping:** This presentation will give you ideas to energize your group. Learn about recruiting, retaining and rewarding volunteers, running effective meetings and gaining consensus.

#### Leadership, Development and Training

\* **"We're OK, But I'm Not Sure About Them! - Improved Leadership and Followership Through Better Communication":** This workshop will use the "Myers-Briggs Type Indicator" as a basis to explore the differences in our communication and relationship styles. The focus of the session will be on the similarities and differences in how we each relate to the world around us, make decisions, process information, form relationships, etc.

\* **You Want to Make a Difference - The Road To and Realities Of Elected Office:** Talk to three "grass-roots" people who won county and city commission seats held by long-time incumbents. Discuss the impact of holding office and the effect one person can have on decisions.

#### Outreach and Communications

\* **Neighborhood Newsletters and Websites:** Learn how to create and distribute newsletters that are attractive, informative and action-oriented. Discover which companies are offering free websites to neighborhood organizations and learn tips on how to use the Internet to better communicate with members of your organization.

\* **Telling Your Neighborhood's Story "Sharing**



**The Florida Neighborhoods Conference will be held at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center**  
**Ticket prices if purchased:**  
\* **By Aug. 31**  
\$30 for both days,  
\$20 for one day  
\* **Sept. 1-28**  
\$45 for both days  
\$30 for one day  
\* **Walk-ins**  
\$50 for both days  
\$35 for one day.  
**For information, or to register, call 761-5993.**

**Your Good News":** The City of Jacksonville's award-winning bi-monthly "Neighborhoods" magazine showcases communities and the people who live in them.

#### Funding and Resources

\* **ABC's of Grant Writing:** Learn the basic techniques for writing a grant proposal and the "tricks of the trade" grant writers use to improve their competitive edge.

\* **Grant Writing - Resources & Common Sense:** Grant writing requires clear thinking, clear writing, and a good bit of study. The session will include case histories presented by community/ grassroots people who have successfully applied for and received funding.

\* **Finding New Resources - Looking No Further Than Your Neighborhood:** This workshop will help you identify and locate the individuals, organizations, partnerships who have resources to assist in your neighborhood needs.

#### Neighborhood Improvement Strategies: Planning, Mobilization and Implementation

\* **Real Towns: Making Your Neighborhood Work:** A practical introduction to time-tested design

principles that make Real Towns work - along with participatory tools community leaders need to achieve win-win solutions.

\* **Making It Happen:** Creative redevelopment can give communities a second chance at becoming livable, vital places. See how coordinating individual projects can add up to making streets that work for both people and cars; a mix of uses that make real places; civic space that anchors neighborhoods; and appropriate density to make transit work.

\* **Traffic/Transportation - Congested Cities & Calm Neighborhoods:** As areas grow, major roadways and intersections are unable to accommodate the additional traffic. The "cut-through" traffic on residential streets, combined with ignored speed limits, creates a danger to children, walkers, joggers and bicyclists. Find out how neighborhoods have addressed these issues by applying traffic calming devices to their streets.

#### Tools and Techniques

**Master Planning Approaches and Techniques for Neighborhoods:** Join representatives from the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils to learn about various planning tools that can be used to "fix the built environment" - community visions, small area and town planning techniques and design charrettes.

This is a sampling of the topics scheduled, for a detailed agenda call the Neighborhoods Conference number at 761-5993 or logon to the City's website at <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us> and link to the Neighborhoods Conference 2000 web site.

## Pets Banned From Fort Lauderdale's Beach Boulevard

With the exception of guide dogs, service dogs and law enforcement animals on duty, portions of State Road A-1-A (Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard) and Seabreeze Boulevard are no longer an option to take pets. Effective July 28, the City Commission approved Ordinance No. C-00-35 which bans pets on the sidewalks and rights-of-way of Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard from Northeast 18th Street south to

Harbor Drive east of the centerline, and from Sunrise Boulevard south to Seabreeze Boulevard west of the centerline. While police will make every effort to educate the public about the new ordinance, violators may face a fine of up to \$500 or 60 days incarceration. For more information on Ordinance No. C-00-35, call (954) 761-5480.

Dog owners, with a paid permit, can take their dogs to Canine Beach, which is located at

the end of East Sunrise Boulevard on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dogs must be on leashes and all owners must have a permit on hand. Permits, \$15 plus tax for residents, are available from the Parks and Recreation Department, at 1350 W. Broward Blvd., Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (954) 761-5346.





# A Step Up Above The Rest

*State Designates City Operated Initiative As Example of Best Practice For Demonstrating Exemplary Community Development Efforts*

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has recognized a housing initiative operated by the City of Fort Lauderdale Housing and Community Development Department for its efforts in providing quality job training in the trades and community rehabilitation.

The **Fort Lauderdale Step-Up Apprenticeship Job Training Program** has been recognized as one of 15 "Best Practices" programs in the state for year 2000. This job-training program, which provides low-income, public housing residents with access to education and job skills in roofing, flooring, plumbing, electrical and other skills in the construction trade, has been identified by the state as an innovative approach to enhance the quality of life for residents.

Step-Up program participants train and utilize their skills in wide variety of housing rehabilitation projects throughout the City.

The Fort Lauderdale Step Up Program, a joint venture with the Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority, has been in existence since 1997.

For more information on these and other housing rehabilitation and community development programs, contact the City of Fort Lauderdale Community and Economic Development Department at **468-1526**.



*A Step-Up Apprentice, shown below, puts new skills to work by remodeling the kitchen of an abandoned home. Shown at top, is a view of the finished product.*



## Take Control Of Your Property Values: Report Code Violations



Residents are encouraged to report possible code violations and abandoned structures that can lead to decreased property values within the community.

Such code violations include overflowing dumpsters, overgrown lawns, tenants living in housing that fail to meet minimum housing standards, or other municipal code violations that affect the health, safety, or aesthetics of the community. To report code concerns, citizens are urged to call the City of Fort Lauderdale at **761-5207**.

## Brush-Up On Clean City Services With These Tips

Get your family ready for hurricane season. Taking preventive measures now will ensure that you have everything you need if a large storm system comes our way. So while you stock up and roll out your emergency plan, don't leave your trash and recycling bins behind. Most importantly, don't leave your bulk trash for high winds to pick up and damage your neighborhood. The City of Fort Lauderdale would like to remind you of these Clean City Service tips:

**TIP 1** - Please be aware of your regular trash, bulk and recycling pick-up schedules. If you are unsure of your regularly scheduled pick-up day, please contact the City of Fort Lauderdale Customer Service hotline at **771-0880** for information or helpful brochures. Only a "state of emergency" declared by the City

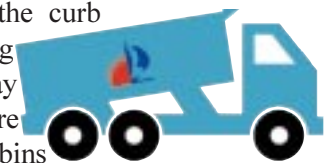


Manager will adjust or interrupt pick-up schedules. Otherwise, all Clean City Services will remain the same.

**TIP 2** - Now is the time to take advantage of your bulk trash and tree-trimming property clean-up. If you cannot wait for your regularly scheduled pick-up, you may take bulk trash to the City's Trash Transfer Station located at 2101 N.W. 6th Street. The station is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The station is closed on holidays and during a storm. The fee is \$10 per vehicle, car or pickup truck with a limit of one entry per day. The Trash Transfer Station is restricted for use only by Fort Lauderdale residents and property owners.



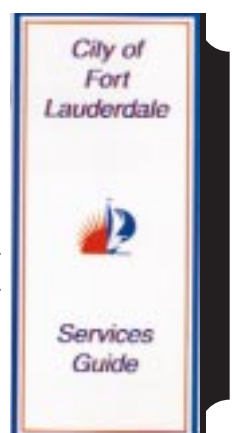
**TIP 3** - Garbage, recycling and bulk trash pick-up services are suspended during a storm. Do not place bulk trash on the curb during an approaching storm since service may be discontinued. Secure all carts and recycling bins



in an enclosed area away from high winds or tie them down securely. The City of Fort Lauderdale asks residents to be prepared for an adjustment to their regular pick-up schedule after a hurricane that may result in a missed pick-up.

## Need A City Contact? The City Services Guide Has Your Number

Whether it's information on adult athletic programs or questions on zoning regulations, the City Services Guide can direct you to the proper telephone number. This 24-page booklet features an A to Z directory of telephone numbers and brief information about programs and services offered in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Copies of the City Services



Guide may be obtained at City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave., or by calling the Public Information Office at **468-1513**.



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## Get In Gear For Fire Prevention Week



**Fire Prevention  
Week Observed  
October 8 -14**  
Have an escape  
plan that includes  
two ways out of  
each room and  
a meeting place  
outside the home.  
Practice it with the  
whole family at  
least twice a year.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department urges citizens to take the time to check their smoke alarms at the beginning of every month, and review their Home Escape Plan.

If a fire breaks out in your home, it is very important that every individual know what to do. The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department urges citizens to sit down with family members to draw a floor plan of the home.

While every home is different, there are some things that all home fire escape plans have in common. Here is what a plan needs to show:

- \* all of the rooms in the home
- \* indicate two ways out of every room
- \* at least one smoke alarm in or near each sleeping area and on each level of the home
- \* a meeting place outside the home
- \* a path from each room to the meeting place
- \* the phone number for emergency services

If you live in a high-rise, first speak to the property manager about an escape plan, then:

- \* know all the fire exits in your floor and building, as well as the location of the closest fire pull station;
- \* Check for two exits in your unit and make a simple floor plan showing both exits. Walk the distance, actually counting the number of steps.
- \* Plan both your escape route and your meeting place.

For additional information, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 759-6370.

### A Moment In Fire Prevention History ...

*The history of National Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. According to the National Fire Protection Association, (NFPA), this tragic fire killed some 300 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,000 structures. While the city of Chicago quickly rebuilt, within a couple of years residents began celebrating their successful restoration to memorialize the anniversary of the fire with festivities. Intending to observe the fire's anniversary with a more serious commemoration, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (FMANA), the oldest membership section of the NFPA, decided that the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should be more appropriately observed in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. The first National Fire Prevention Week was proclaimed October 4 - 10, 1925. Today, the City of Fort Lauderdale along with tens of thousands of other fire and safety professionals continue to work to reduce the risk of fire and the toll it takes on our society by making National Fire Prevention Week a priority.*

- A brief lesson from Sparky and the NFPA.



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